

October 30, 2006

Present: Ms. Gae Elfenbein  
Mr. Richard Walsh  
Mr. Paul Boudreau, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened by Ms. Elfenbein at 7:00 p.m.

Warrants: Warrants were signed

7:00 - 7:15 - Public Comment

Mr. Decelles reported that the Bridge Street bridge concrete that has to be replaced has expanded which will cost an additional \$20,000. You couldn't tell before they started to take the loose concrete out. The bridge is still structurally sound but will need to be repainted. The Board agreed to the overrun.

BRIDGE  
STREET  
BRIDGE  
REPAIR

Mr. Decelles reported that he received a call from Cathy Barnes reporting that there is a big tree down in Town Brook.

TOWN BROOK

Motion made by Mr. Walsh to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting with amendments seconded by Ms. Elfenbein. Unanimously voted. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2006 executive session, seconded by Ms. Elfenbein. Unanimously voted.

ACCEPTED  
MINUTES

Council on Aging Director, Deb Decelles and Chair of the Council on Aging Win Newton. Mr. Newton said that he wanted to meet with the Board to see how committed the Town is to the senior center before he starts promoting the purchase of the land. The Board assured Mr. Newton that they are in total support of a senior center. Mr. Boudreau reported that after speaking with town counsel that we should not be spending any money until there is a title search done, which will have to be done before the special town meeting. Mr. Boudreau explained what the vote at the special town meeting is to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the money to purchase the property. Ms. Elfenbein signed on behalf of the Board a purchase and sale agreement contingent upon town vote.

PURCHASE  
REAL  
ESTATE

Ms. Decelles said that there is a real problem with mold and mildew in the basement of town hall and she feels it has become a health issue to some of

TOWN HALL  
BASEMENT

the seniors.

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### Administrator's Report

Mr. Boudreau reported that he rescheduled meeting with Scanlon for Monday November 20, 2006 at 7:15 p.m.

AUDITOR

Selectmen set their meetings for Monday nights November 6, November 20, and 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 15 at 6 p.m. The Selectmen also stated that Town Hall will be closed on November 13th to commemorate Veterans' Day.

NOVEMBER  
MEETINGS

Mr. Boudreau reported that the Planning Board received their planning grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for \$17,500.

GRANT

Mr. Boudreau reported that the Fire Department applied for and received a \$90,000 grant from Homeland Security; \$15,000 will be spent for training and \$75,000 will be for installing a vehicle exhaust system in both firehouses.

GRANT  
FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

Mr. Boudreau will be taking a vacation day next Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

VACATION

Mr. Boudreau presented the board with accounting software agreements for Ms. Elfenbein's signature.

SOFTWARE  
AGREEMENTS

Mr. Boudreau presented the Board with a preliminary list of warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting: 1, borrowing authorization \$225,000; 2, Berkshire eagle in the amount of \$900.00; 3, deficit in school budget in the amount of \$10,176.24 for FY06; 4, \$7,000 new server for Assessor's office; 5, \$20,760.60 for FY07 Residential Placement account for school; 6, Roof for town Hall \$25,000; 7, \$5,000 for the town accountant expenses.

PRELIMINARY  
WARRANT  
SPECIAL  
TOWN  
MEETING

Mr. Boudreau presented the Board with a draft of a letter that he wants to send out to residents with over 5 acres of property with a copy of information to explain their options to keep their property from development. The Board discussed changes and Mr. Boudreau will redraft the letter.

PROPERTY

Mr. Boudreau reported that Attorney Masteralexis is pursuing the junk car lawsuit against Ms. Giguere.  
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JUNK CARS

Mr. Boudreau also spoke with him about the sewer agreement and Attorney Masteralexis stated that it is a very complicated issue.

SEWER  
AGREEMENT

End Administrator's Report

Mail

Notice of meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 received from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

BRPC

End of mail

Old Business

Regarding the appointment of a Highway Foreman, Mr. Walsh stated that he does not have a problem with designating someone to act in Mr. Decelles absence, but he does not want to get into a contractual agreement for a foreman. With 2 employees with over 20 years of experience should not need a foreman for supervision.

HIGHWAY  
DEPARTMENT  
FOREMAN

Ms. Elfenbein asked about Ms. Forgea's responsibilities as a member of the Berkshire County Retirement Board. Ms. Elfenbein asked that Ms. Forgea be reminded that her first responsibility is to the Town.

TREASURER

Ms. Elfenbein presented the Board with a copy of documents Attorney Seigors put together as possible sewer regulations. Mr. Boudreau said that he will look it over and will send them on to Brackett and Lucas for their comments. Mr. Boudreau reported that he spoke with Dick Jubinville of EarthTech about the sewer regulations that Bethany had prepared and Mr. Jubinville said that he gave the job to Bethany and it was a learning experience for her.

SEWER  
REGULATIONS

New Business

Motion made by Mr. Walsh to waive parking ticket #4831 in the amount of \$100.00 given to Paul Andrew with the reminder to Mr. Andrew that his handicap

PARKING  
TICKET

placard be displayed when ever he parks, seconded by Ms. Elfenbein.

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Upon motion made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Elfenbein, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MEETING  
ADJOURNED